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SUBJECT: SRSG REPORT ON NEPAL ELECTIONS PREPARATIONS

¶1. ACTION REQUEST: SRSG for Nepal Ian Martin is scheduled to report to the Security Council on March 27 concerning the situation in Nepal and its preparation for upcoming elections. USUN is instructed to draw from the points in para 2 below during discussion following the report.

¶2. Begin points

-- The United States supports comprehensive peace in Nepal, including the Constituent Assembly elections, which we regard as a major step forward in ensuring stability and order in Nepal, and urges all parties to continue to refrain from violence.

-- The United States calls on all parties to ensure that both the Constituent Assembly elections and the counting process are conducted according to international electoral standards of transparency, inclusiveness, and fairness and take place without violence or intimidation by any side.

-- We also call on all parties to respect the outcome of the elections and act in a peaceful fashion once the results have been announced.

-- The United States urges the Constituent Assembly, once it is elected, to promptly begin its work of drafting a new constitution in a fashion that is inclusive, transparent and reflects the input of all sectors of society.

-- We furthermore call on all parties to continue to work to implement the terms of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

End points.
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